

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 10-13, and 17-19 are pending in this application. Claims 3-5, 8-9, 14-16, and 20-22 have been withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the subject matter of the withdrawn claims. As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments at this time.

THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement on the claims originally filed with this application. In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-2, 6-7, 10-13, and 17-19) for prosecution in this application. In light of the withdrawal of claims 3-5, 8-9, 14-16, and 20-22, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is moot.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present remarks still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned agent to discuss any remaining issues. No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fees to Bingham McCutchen LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 19546.0042.

Respectfully submitted,
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